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Guests At FBLA Meeting

Mr. James Pugh, left, manager of the Farmers National Bank Triangle Plaza Branch; Miss Margie Megginson, center, secretary for Robert Carter, Attorney At Law; and Mr. Bobby Stewart, manager of the Amelia Dress Company, were guests of the Future Business Leaders of America, Appomattox County High School, on Wednesday, January 9th, 1974. Mr. Pugh, Miss Megginson and Mr. Stewart answered questions the members had concerning business employment in Appomattox.

Wins Two Big Prizes

Bill Burrus of Lynchburg is shown above, on the right, giving Charles T. Moses, Jr. on the left, the lucky ticket that won for him the Honda he is seen sitting on, first place prize in a fund raising project sponsored by Robert E. Lee Academy in Appomattox. Mr. Burrus also held the winning ticket for the second place prize - a Winchester shot gun.

Leon Goin of Appomattox was the winner of the third place prize - an electric toaster.

This is just one of the many fund raising projects sponsored by Robert E. Lee Academy to help pay for tuition for students.

Charles T. Moses, Jr., member of the Board of Directors of the Robert E. Lee Academy, would like to thank all people who bought tickets and helped in any way to make this project a success.

ATTEND RURITAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

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wives from 35 states. The convention was held in the giant Curtis Hixon Convention Hall in the heart of Tampa.

Prior to the ina ugural address of the new National President, outgoing National President Charles Bridwell of Kingsport, Tennessee expressed his appreciation for the "meaningful opportunities to serve others" that his year-long term as president brought, and continued to emphasize his "Dare to Share" theme which has been the foundation of his program during the past year.

The keynote speaker for the convention, which opened last Thursday, was Congressman Tennyson Guyer, a member of the U. S. House of Representatives from the Fourth District of Ohio.

The convention religious service was conducted by Ernest K. Emurian, pastor of the Cherrydale United Methodist Church of Arlington, Virginia, who addressed the delegates on "The S in U.S.A."

The featured entertainers of the convention were a number of students from East Tennessee who comprise a widely-known high school singing group, the Patriotic Singers.

The Pastor Speaks

Friends:

We have become a nation of mottos and bumper stickers, some are serious some are funny, and some may seem stupid. Looking through a catalog that came across my desk, I found this one offered to the buyer:

"A friend is someone who knows all about you but still likes you!

How true - Jesus loves us in spite of what we are - loves us in our sin - but despises our sin. Joseph Shriver realized that Jesus was a friend when he wrote his hymn.

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All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

We want friends - Christ guides us in how to make early friends and how to have him for a friend.

"This is my Commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friend if you do what I command you."

John 14:12-14

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The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, February 3, 1974.

Topic: Promise of the Counselor

Scripture: John 15:18 - 16:15

The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. John 14:26.

The context in which Jesus promised the Holy Spirit in this last teaching to His disciples before His crucifixion explains why He used the term Paraclete to refer to the Spirit. In classical Greek, **parakletos** means a legal assistant or advocate and more broadly a helper. This meaning explains why the Revised Standard Version translates the term in the Scripture for this week's International Sunday School lesson as Counselor.

In telling His disciples of problems they would face, Jesus warned that the world would hate and persecute them, as it had hated and persecuted Him. When they found themselves in such a situation, they would need help, not so much physical and material assistance as spiritual and intellectual aid. To undertake to face such situations in their own strength would leave them overwhelmed and defeated. Thus Jesus is showing His followers that they will have to cope with situations for which their strength of body and mind and spirit, unaided by divine help, would prove altogether inadequate.

The situation Jesus was describing to the Eleven of His immediate circle of disciples was not limited to them, but is a situation which confronts disciples in every age. From the Acts of the Apostles, in which the Holy Spirit is the principal character, we learn that these disciples faced physical and legal persecution, imprisonment, scourging, mob violence, execution (Stephen by stoning, James by being beheaded). Subsequent generations of Christians have experienced similar persecution, as do Christians in some countries today.

This sort of persecution is not found in the so-called Christian world, but here there are more subtle harrassments which the contemporary Christian needs divine help in handling. The pressures of materialism, the allurements of worldliness, the indifference of a secular society, the cynicism of a profane intellectualism, all potent influences in the contemporary world, frustrate, defeat, and overwhelm the individual who tries, in his own strength, to cope with them. Today's Christians, who may practice their belief with no fear of going to jail or being beaten in consequence, need the help of the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, no less than did the apostle hailed before the Jewish Sanhedrin for proclaiming Jesus as Lord or before a Roman tribunal on the charge of disturbing the peace because of the excitement produced by his preaching.

Because of this need, Christians todays should give renewed attention to Jesus' promise of the Counselor and to cultivate the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in their own lives. We need His presence, His guidance, His instruction, His help no less than did believers in the early generations of the Christian faith.

The Holy Spirit plays other roles than that of Counselor. In His farewell discourse, Jesus also referred to Him as the Spirit of truth, explaining that when the spirit comes, "he will guide you into all the truth." The truth to which Jesus was referring is the basic essential truth a person needs to know, the truth about God and how man may come to Him. It includes the truth man needs to know about himself, that he is by nature sinful and, to come into a proper relationship to God, necessary to developing to his fullest potential, he needs a Savior.

Jesus also promised the Holy Spirit as the regenerating power in the world. "And when he comes, he will convince the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment." In this function, the Holy spirit convicts and convinces the individual of sin and shows him his need of a Savior; He shows the person more: the all-sufficiency of Jesus Christ, the Son, the Redeemer.

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Miss Penny Martin

Who's Who FBLA

The student selected for Who in FBLA for the of January served as a for the open house for s in the fall. She helped ar money making project ling candy and she also rash bags for the March of

This FBLA member a hostess at the tea given the faculty and she helped ith the refreshments. She ed the FBLA with Rail- Day by contributing baked and helping to sell the . This student has attended scheduled meetings and Fall Planning meeting held Longwood College in Octo- She also brought food for Thanksgiving Basket and ost sell items at Swap and

The Who's Who in FBLA for nuary is Penny Martin, ughter of Mr. and Mrs. nnell Martin, Rt. 4, Appomattox.

Evergreen

Mrs. Katie Allen is a patient Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald ulette have moved into their of business recently.

Mr. Harold Hamlett is a ient at Virginia Baptist pital.

Mrs. Emmitt Paulette and Mott Harvey called in the of Mrs. Mannie Harvey s week.

Mrs. E. T. Bruce and Mrs. C. ulette called in the home of and Mrs. Clyde Campbell family last week.

Mr. Calvin Franklin, of nect, Mrs. Courtney klin and daughter called in e home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse klin and family last week.

Mr. Cliff Wilburn was the aker at the Baptist church nday.

Mrs. Freddie Thomas was ner guest of Mr. and Mrs. eddie Wooldridge and Peggy nday.

Rev. and D. L. Bailey, of ays, visited Mr. and Mrs. L. Cheatham Sunday.

Dinner guests Sunday of rs. Mott Harvey were Mr. Mrs. Mitch Davis, Mrs. Bill ley, Mr. Garland Mayry, all of Lynchburg, Mrs. nie Carlie, of Appomattox, r. and Mrs. Wylie Richardon.

Milton Bruce, of Blacksburg, ent the week end with his ther, Mrs. E. T. Bruce.

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Taxpayers Hit Tax Reform 'Power Grab'

The Virginia Taxpayers Association has charged that tax reform proposals announced Jan. 3 by a special Governor's committee are really "a blatant power grab by the State Department of Taxation under the guise of seeking greater equity in property taxation within and between local jurisdictions."

The state taxpayer organization declared that "without any input from taxpayers and citizens, carefully selected local, state and imported professional tax collectors, all advocates of higher spending and centralized power, having recommended revolutionary changes which negate local control of property taxation."

The VTA resolution, adopted at a meeting in Charlottesville Sat., Jan. 5, pointed out that "during the 1974 hectic legislative session there will be little or no opportunity for the public to present views based on adequate research and mature reflection as to the real meaning of these revolutionary changes.

"The VTA strongly condemns this attempt to railroad through the General Assembly legislation which may only add to centralized bureaucratic power and expense without making any significant contributions to greater equity in real property taxation.

"We call upon the General Assembly to defer action on these recommendations and instead enact VTA proposals for property tax reform namely, a freeze on real property assessments by defining 'fair market value' as the most recent general reassessment, unless the properties are sold at prices to justify higher assessments, improvements are made, or values increased by governmental actions, and by prohibiting the use of 'sales price', which includes financing and selling costs not a part of fair market value as such."

The VTA noted that the Governor's advisory committee "used pet consultants who divided up $200,000 of the taxpayers' money in their study."

The advisory committee's recommended changes have been estimated to cost $18.5 million over a six-year period, plus annual administrative costs.

Among specific committee recommendations opposed by the taxpayer organization are eliminating the constitutional requirement that a city's bonded debt not exceed 18 per cent of the value of its taxable real estate and abondoning the requirement that county bond sales be approved by public referenda.

VTA officers reelected at the meeting are: President, Kenneth White, Nelson County; vice-president, Harley M. Williams, Fairfax; secretary, Mrs. Catherine Monte, Middletown; treasurer, Fred M. Davis, Lynchburg. Additional directors named to the 16-member board are: J. R. Wingfield, Charlottesville; Tom C. Davis, Chesapeake; Maurice Peed, Colonial Beach; Harry A. Edward, Hampton; and Gilbert Ryback, Falls Church.

Next meeting of the state taxpayer association will be at 11 a.m. Sat., Feb. 2, in Pantops Restaurant, Rt. 250 E., Charlottesville.

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